

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
June 29, 2015

School Committee Conference Room - Attleboro High School

Present: David Murphy, Chairman (At-Large); Lori Scales, Vice Chairperson (Ward IV), William Larson, Secretary (Ward II); Dianne Sawyer (Ward I); Stephen Withers, Jr. (Ward III); Frances Zito (Ward V); Julienne Singer (At-Large); Michael Tyler, (Ward VI).

Absent: James Stors (At Large)

Administration Present: Kenneth Sheehan, Superintendent; David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Marc Furtado, Director of Finance/Controller; and Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

Open Forum: Mr. Murphy explained the guidelines of Open Forum. There were no participants.

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Attleboro Art Museum to the AHS gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$1100 from the Attleboro Rotary Club for purposes of promoting the Attleboro school system's new mission statement: Discussion: The Committee thanked the Rotary Club for their continued generosity. Vote: 8-0

Strategic Planning Update: Overarching Goals and Developing 2015 – 2020 Objectives: (see Power Point attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). The School Committee discussed the developing Strategic Plan that is currently being articulated by the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee. The School Committee reviewed the draft overarching goals and examples of the objectives. The importance of a positive culture was stressed. Once in place, there will be an annual review of these goals to ensure the District continues to move forward and reassess specific needs.

Appointment of Assistant Principals: CMS and AHS: The Superintendent in introduced the AHS Assistant Principal, Ann Montagano and gave an overview of Ms. Montagano's background. Ms. Montagano thanked the Superintendent and Committee for this opportunity. The Superintendent introduced Kelly Chouinard, Assistant Principal for the Coelho Middle School. He reviewed her background history and welcomed her aboard. Ms. Chouinard thanked the Superintendent for this opportunity.

FY16 Budgetary Contingency Planning and Approval of Final Operating Budget Total: The Finance Director/Controller reviewed the proposed contingency planning for approval and went over the plan for the implementation of the Transportation protocol in preparations for the 2015-16 School Year: Mr. Furtado explained the process to-date reiterating the spending freeze that took place mid-year to assist with the budgetary constraints/shortfalls. The Following motions were approved:

Motion to endorse the school administration's actions to close the existing budgetary gap through reduction totaling \$530,000.00 in order to adhere to the operating budget appropriated by the Attleboro Municipal Council: Vote: 8-0.

Motion to approve an FY16 Operating Budget of \$69,048,623.97, including approximately \$3,489,383 in transportation funding and \$65,634,240 in general funding (NSS): Vote: 8-0.

Motion to request the municipal government return all unexpended funds from FY15 upon their certification for use in mitigating the dire financial circumstances under which the Attleboro schools will operate in FY16: Vote: 8-0.

Motion to endorse the use of unexpended funds from the transportation budget in FY15 to be used in conjunction with other funds allocated by the municipal government for the purpose of advancing specific technology infrastructure priorities: Vote: 8-0.

Motion to authorize the central administration to institute, as necessary, a moratorium on transportation services for students who enroll in the Attleboro schools after Friday, August 21, 2015, whereas the authorization will cease as of Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (8-0).

Superintendent Evaluation: Proposed overall rating via the Massachusetts Educator Evaluation Model: Proficient: Chairman explained the historical background for the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Murphy explained the state's protocol and process (see document attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof).

Motion was made to approve a rating of "proficient" in each of the four (4) standards under the Massachusetts Educator Evaluation System and an overall rating of "proficient" for the Superintendent: Vote: 8-0

Consideration of the school committee's collective bargaining agreement with APS paraprofessionals: Motion was made to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof) with the Paraprofessional Union: Vote: 6-0-2 (Withers; Tyler)

Proposed Policy Amendments School Committee Policies BDE and BDEE: Subcommittee structure and jurisdiction: The Chairman gave the historical background of this process (see the amendments attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof):

Motion was made to approve the amendments as presented to Policy BDE and approve the new Policy BDEE: governing the names, structure, and jurisdictional responsibilities of the subcommittees of the school committee. Effective immediately, the four standing subcommittees of the Attleboro School Committee: Teaching and Learning; Finance and Budget; Infrastructure and Facilities; Policy and Personnel (8-0).

School Committee Meeting Schedule July 2015 – January 2016: A motion was made to approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Scheduled (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof) from July 2015-January 2016: Vote: 8-0

Motion was made pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) and (3) to convene in executive session for purposes of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the school committee. The school committee will not reconvene in open session: Roll Call:

Ms. Singer:	Yes
Mrs. Zito:	Yes
Mr. Tyler:	Yes
Mr. Larson:	Yes
Mr. Murphy:	Yes
Ms. Scales:	Yes
Ms. Sawyer:	Yes
Mr. Withers:	Yes

Vote: 8-0

The Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- High School Improvement Plans
- Correspondence: AHS Commencement Request
- Superintendent Transition Process
- FY16 Proposed Budget Power Point
- AACS Disc: 06-29-15